

# WEATHER.

Fair tonight and tomorrow; little change in temperature; light northerly winds. Temperature for twenty-four hours ending 2 p.m.: Highest, 86, at 3 p.m. yesterday; lowest, 67, at 5 a.m. today. Full report on page 18.

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## PRESIDENT WILLING TO MEET CARRANZA HALF WAY ON ISSUE

Makes Condition That Reply Due Today Must Show Proper Spirit.

MAY MODIFY SLIGHTLY STAND ON WITHDRAWAL

Concedes Presence of American Troops Far in Interior Is Cause For Irritation.

WAR DEPARTMENT IS BUSY

Army Heads, However, Are Grimly Active, Despite Diplomatic Exchanges and Outlook, Preparing for Hostilities Across Border.

Conditioned upon Carranza showing the proper spirit in the reply that is now believed to be on the way to Washington to the United States note of Sunday, and that he does not take an inflexible stand that will offend the sensibilities of the American people, President Wilson, it was indicated in intelligent quarters today, is willing to take up with Carranza a plan of settlement of the present differences that may be effective.

The President, the Carranza people now understand, will not consent to the withdrawal of troops of this country from Mexico, but the President is willing to concede, it is said, that the presence of troops so far in the interior of Mexico may be irritating, in spite of the conditions under which they went there.

Will Meet Carranza Half Way.

Assuming that Carranza will sincerely co-operate in efforts for peace, after first conveying regrets for the Carranza affair, President Wilson will meet him half way and propose plans that may bring a successful settlement. The basis for this settlement would, so far as the administration is concerned, be the withdrawal of United States soldiers to a peace zone running along the border, leaving the interior of Mexico to Carranza, to a depth of something like forty miles.

The soldiers of the United States would patrol this zone, practically being in possession of it, keeping out all Mexicans except those on legitimate errands or authorized by the Mexican government. This zone would remain in possession of the United States until the Carranza or some other government had fully restored order in Mexico, and then again pass into the hands of the Mexican government.

Note May Be on Way.

Believing that there is now on the way to Washington the answer of Gen. Carranza to the last note of the State Department demanding the release of soldiers of the United States in a Mexican prison and insisting that Carranza clarify his purposes toward this country, it is believed that the answer will be in his hand as to Mexico and went on with much general executive business during the day.

At the War Department there was no set time for the answer. Officials low and high feverishly worked to the end of getting armed men to the Mexican border and to forward supplies to these men fighting with the United States. These men were ordered and officials went in the morning to the War Department conference to address another. Nothing was taken for granted there.

Busy at War Department.

Across the street, in the executive offices, and in the State Department there was an easing up in the tension of the last few days, due to the belief that Carranza's answer is on the way. There did not seem to be definite information anywhere as to what the Carranza answer will be, although the fact was an assumption that the Mexican leader cannot afford to longer keep the Americans in prison, and that his only wise course, if he really wants peace, is to set these men free. Carranza's ambassador designate, had received word early this afternoon from his chief of staff that the status of the diplomatic negotiations. Mr. Arredondo has informed Gen. Carranza of the determined sentiment in the United States demanding the release of the American troops, but had no reply.

Brief Telegram From Rodgers.

Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City, in a brief telegram received at the State Department early today, said he expected to be handed today Carranza's reply to the American note demanding the release of the soldiers.

The message, containing but two sentences, was the first word the department had heard from Mr. Rodgers since he reported the delivery of the United States note.

Two cabinet officers and others close to the President, although they had not talked with him recently, expressed opinions that the Carranza answer would be here today and that it would most likely be favorable.

That no official of the government will be, however, is shown by the fact that the President has suspended the status of the diplomatic negotiations. The President in annual convention there. The President in annual convention there. The President in annual convention there.

he would make the trip. Everything depended on the Mexican answer.

Much Depends on Answer.

Should Carranza have failed to meet the demands the President, instead of going to Philadelphia tomorrow, he will go to Congress and lay the Mexican situation before that body, with a request for authority to proceed as he thinks best to protect the interests and honor of the United States. If the answer is favorable, as many today believed it would be, the President will go to Philadelphia.

The President also has an engagement to attend the annual banquet of the New York Press Club on Friday night, but the filling of that will also depend upon events.

The opinion was advanced today by a well informed man who has talked both with the President and Secretary Lansing that Carranza's delay in sending his answer to the note of last Sunday is due to the fact that he has been in communication with the Central and South American republics, seeking to line them up with Mexico in the pending difficulty, and informing them of his intention that they may have opportunity to express their views and commit themselves to his policies, whatever they may be. The same man was of the opinion that Carranza will disavow the Carrizal "incident," but at the same time place the blame upon the American soldiers to a large extent. He is expected to indicate that Gen. Trevino was faster than he has been expected, but that the aggravation to the Mexican troops was severe.

Disavowal Must Carry Release.

This disavowal would carry with it the release of the soldiers and go far toward mollifying the relations of the two countries. This man has also received the impression that in seeking to satisfy the United States Carranza will plainly propose that American troops now in Mexico be withdrawn farther toward the border, and may intimate that he will be satisfied if the troops are kept within a certain zone of just south of the border, thus assuring protection to American territory and people.

In fact, the idea of a zone of thirty or forty miles below the American border in which troops of the United States would operate to prevent bandits reaching territory of the United States is today looming up as the possible compromise for the settlement of the trouble with Mexico. The administration will not consent to the troops extending thirty or forty miles below the border, thereby keeping off bandits while Carranza is trying to bring peace in other portions of his domain.

Would Sacrifice Political Future.

The President is represented as so keenly desiring of lasting peace with Mexico that he is willing, if necessary, to sacrifice his political future. He has an abhorrence of settling the difficulties with Mexico along lines that might benefit himself. In a talk he had today with Senator Lewis of Illinois, he told the Illinois senator that he sincerely hoped that whatever debates take place in Congress they would be along non-partisan lines. He especially hoped that his particular friends in Congress would elevate their remarks on this subject far above the petty, seeking no credit for any political administration has sought to do in Mexico and making no attacks upon the opposing party speakers.

Members of the foreign affairs committee of the House were studying precedents today with view to preparing for an expected fight over what action Congress should take on the Mexican situation. One resolution particularly favored in the informal discussion, and which may be presented to President Wilson for approval, declares that a state of war exists; that the President's course with respect to Mexico is unauthorized by Congress and authorizes him to use the army, navy, coast guard, and marine corps to enforce the laws of the United States. This resolution, while not voluntary in final form, was talked over among House leaders today without any final conclusion.

Believe Carranza Will Evade.

Mr. Rodgers' message to the State Department, dated yesterday, said that it was believed that the Mexican authorities investigating the Carrizal affair. His statement was interpreted here as indicating rather that the reply would support previous assertions that American troops were responsible than that a change of attitude was to be expected. Gen. Gomez, commanding the Mexican detachment at Carrizal, was killed in the fight. Lacking his knowledge of what was said, he is believed to have been present at the conference with Capt. Boyd just before the firing began, it was deemed important to get the facts straightened out. Mr. Rodgers' message was interpreted as indicating that the Carranza government was responsible for the Carrizal incident.

Report From Pershing Awaited.

A final report on the Carrizal fight from Gen. Pershing is still awaited here. Capt. Morey's report was received last night. As coming from the only American officer known to survive, it has great weight with administration officials. It is believed that today, however, that he did not know personally all that had happened. His report will be made to the State Department by a board of officers. A board of officers will be assigned by the commander to assemble this account. The report will be made to the State Department by a board of officers. A board of officers will be assigned by the commander to assemble this account.

CARRANZA IS REPORTED ANXIOUS TO AVOID WAR

Said to Have Notified Editor of Mexican Labor Paper He Will Do Anything to Prevent Break.

John R. Silliman, consul at Saltillo, who now is at Eagle Pass, Tex., today advised the State Department of the receipt by Dr. Atl, editor of a Mexican city labor paper, of a telegram from Gen. Carranza saying he was prepared to do everything possible to avoid a break with the United States. Dr. Atl has been at Eagle Pass participating in conferences designed to aid in averting war, and is expected to come to Washington tomorrow to address the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

Silliman's account yesterday telegraphed Luis Marones and other Mexican labor leaders at Eagle Pass that the executive council of the American Federation of Labor would be pleased to meet here with a delegation of organized workers of Mexico Saturday or before. Mr. Gomez's message was sent in reply to one saying Mexican workers wished to meet the executive council for the realization of their demands.

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## TENSION STRAINED AT SEVERAL POINTS ALONG THE BORDER

U. S. Troops Threaten to Occupy the Mexican Town of Nogales.

CARRANZA'S MEN TRY TO BREAK ACROSS LINE

Maj. Brooke Orders His Soldiers to "Drop Anybody You See Acting Suspiciously."

VILLISTAS ARE CONGREGATING

Notorious Lieutenants of Former Leader Said to Be in Vicinity of Juarez and More Raids Are Feared.

NOGALES, Ariz., June 28.—American occupation of Nogales, Sonora, loomed close early today when eight Mexican soldiers were driven back by a United States sentry post as they tried to cross to the American side.

The Mexicans withdrew and Maj. William Brooke ordered his men to "drop anybody you see acting suspiciously." If a shot comes from over there we'll go straight across."

High Tension at Eagle Pass.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 28.—Conditions at Piedras Negras, opposite Eagle Pass, are being closely watched today by staff officers here. Gen. Francis Murguia has a strong force at that point ready for instant action. In addition to the three batteries of field artillery which left for Eagle Pass last night there are two regiments of infantry and one battery of field artillery at that place. It is known that several large National Guard units will be sent to Eagle Pass at once.

Arrangements are being made today for a central Red Cross supply station here, which will be in charge of a section of the American line. The western section will be supplied from a depot in El Paso.

Report Bandits Are Wiped Out.

COLUMBUS, N. M., June 28.—Army officers are investigating a report that the murderers of William Parker and his wife, on their ranch southwest of Hachita, were caught early today on this side of the border and killed. A message received by a relative of the Parkers said the bandits, six in number, were wiped out.

It was reported that while employees of the Diamond A ranch, nine miles east of Hachita, were helping hunt the slayers of the Parkers, the ranch was raided last night, and a number of horses taken.

Large forces of Carranza cavalry are being concentrated at a short distance east of Gen. Pershing's line of communication between Colonia Dublan and El Valle, according to reports brought here today by army motor truckmen. The truckmen assert that the American expeditionary commander is drilling his men regularly and is sparing no effort to make his force as mobile as possible. A large number of military supplies are being kept in readiness at field headquarters for rapid transportation of infantry.

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FOR USE OF U. S. GOVERNMENT.

Preparations for Census of Industrial Resources in Western Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 28.—Preparations were made today to take an immediate census of the industrial resources of western Pennsylvania following a meeting here yesterday of a committee representing the naval consulting board of the United States. A letter was prepared which will be sent to every industrial establishment in the Pittsburgh district asking for confidential information for the use of the United States government which will show what supplies are made and in what quantities.

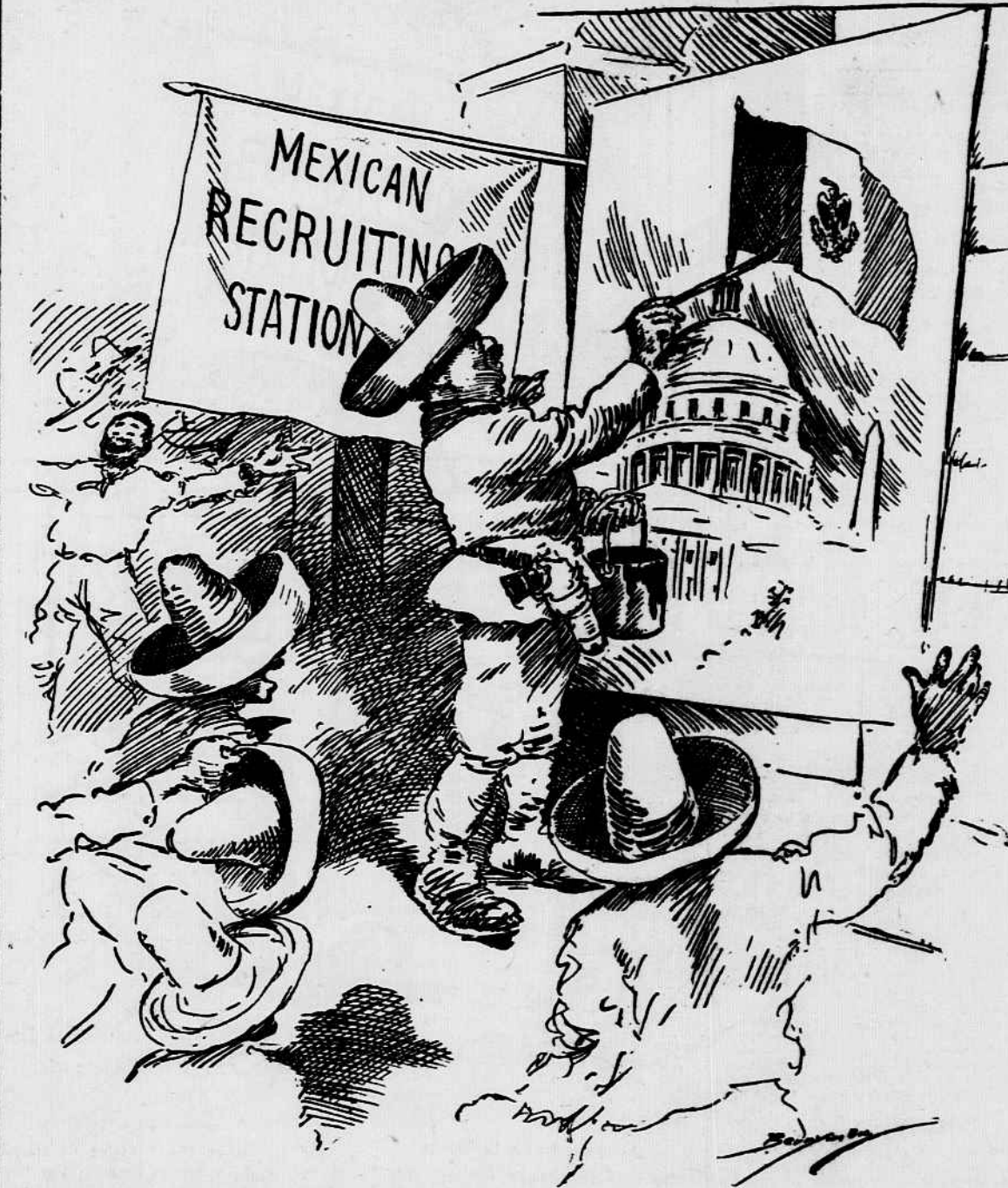
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New Governor General for Canada.

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News Note: A recruiting circular issued at Hermosillo, appealing to Mexicans to enlist, says: "No fighting will be necessary. Our brave troops will simply march northward, brushing the gringos aside until our glorious tricolor floats from the dome of the Capitol at Washington."

Blamed on Villa Followers.

The bandit raid near Hachita, which resulted in the murder of William Parker and his wife, still was a subject of speculation today in connection with the presence of the former Villa followers in Juarez and the apparent lack of protection afforded the border from bandit raids. Their probable activities in the event of hostilities gave rise to numerous alarmist theories.

Although the embargo of munitions is still enforced rigidly at points of entry, that regarding food is not. Several wagon loads of foodstuffs held up at the international bridge by Carranza troops today, the consignors received permission from Washington to send them across in response to threats against detention of the goods. That the food shortage is becoming more acute in the interior of Mexico was declared by arrivals from the south, who told of bread lines in Chihuahua City, Durango and Torreón and brought pictures to substantiate their statements.

Organizing "Dynamite Squads."

Mexican refugees who reached the border today from the mining districts of southern Chihuahua brought stories of the organization of "dynamite squads" in Gen. Trevino's army. They said it is planned that should it become apparent in the event of war that the de facto troops could not hold the railroads, to destroy them, and the detachments now stationed along the Mexican Central and the Mexican Northwestern will be concentrated at Chihuahua City, Durango and Torreón and brought pictures to substantiate their statements.

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DAY IN CONGRESS.

Met at 11 a.m. Insisted upon its amendment to the House army drafting resolution and directed further conference.

Senator Stone introduced resolution asking President to subordinate appropriations for military treaty being negotiated by the executive.

Resumed debate on post office appropriation bill.

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